

## LISTENING TEAMS

### TEACHING 3 OR 4 TOPICS AT THE SAME TIME

Teacher reads a passage of Scripture.  
Groups of students listen for different things.

1. Strengths  
High student involvement.  
Subgroups listen diligently.  
As many as 4 topics can be studied at the same time.  
The topics are discussed separately, and woven together.  
Even though a participant is not focused on the other topics, in the back of his mind he may be processing it anyway.

2. Weaknesses  
not many

3. Tips  
Arbitrarily divide the students into 4 "groups" [if only 4 students are present, each one is his own "group"].  
Rewards or kudos can be given to the "group" which seemed to listen the best.  
Hand out paper and pencil to every person to take notes.  
A "class" of 7 might be divided into even smaller units, perhaps 3 or 4 people will work together.

4. Examples

rules: "I am going to read 6 or 7 paragraphs from Exod 3 & 4 . Many things happen.

"Group #1 will listen for and write things God says to Moses, and make comments.

"Group #2 will write down Moses' 5 or 6 objections to God's idea of his going back and freeing the Israelis."

"Group #3 will jot down ideas about objections American teens have for not witnessing to kids at school."

"Group #4, you will take notes about objections people in our church have about quitting their present jobs to become missionaries to Hindus because they have the same objections as Moses."

certainly works well with just 2 listening groups

groups: men/women, older/younger, married/single, high school, etc.

Write your observations on the board. We'll talk about them afterwards.  
[be sure to have markers]

Other topics:

Compare responses of the multitudes and the Pharisees [just 2 listening teams].

Identify different ways to praise from Psalm 150.

Three groups examine their speech in Proverbs chapt. 10 15 18 [selected verses]

group #1 listens like whining children

group #2 listens like complaining teens

group #3 listens like grumpy adults

fools

Proverbs 14 26

warnings

Proverbs 22 23 24

Proverbs talks about "evil women" 2.16-29 5.3-23 6.24-32

7.6-27 9.13-18 23.26-28

listening teams: her clothes, her words, making herself pretty,  
whom she looks for, excuses boys give her, her answers, Is she religious?  
bad results for her & for him

If you're just using one passage, use chapter 7. Listen for a seeming contradiction, key concepts, or principles for living.